

Opportunity to Object: Decision for Thompson Meadow Restoration Project

A draft Decision Notice (DN) with a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and the final EA have been prepared for the Thompson Meadow Restoration Project. The draft DN/FONSI selects Alternative A (Proposed Action), which will restore the natural hydrologic function of 47 acres of degraded meadow along a 0.68 mile reach of Thompson Creek using a variety of restoration techniques including complete fill of the incised channel, in-channel raised riffle rock structures, and partial fill of the incised channel (commonly known as “pond and plug”). Thompson Creek is a tributary to McReynolds Creek, which flows to Red Clover Creek in northeastern Plumas County. The project area is located solely on National Forest System lands within the Beckwourth Ranger District of the Plumas National Forest, approximately 11 air miles north of Portola, CA, in the vicinity of Red Clover Valley, and lies within Township 25 North, Range 13 East, Sections 25 and 36, Mount Diablo Base Meridian.

The Responsible Official for this project is Matt Jedra, Beckwourth District Ranger, Plumas National Forest. The draft DN with FONSI and final EA documents, as well as supporting documents are available online at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52760>. These documents can also be obtained from Joseph Hoffman, Project Leader, at joseph.hoffman@usda.gov; phone (530) 283-7868.

The proposed project is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Objections will be accepted only from those who submitted timely, project-specific written comments during scoping or other designated opportunity for comment in accordance with 36 CFR 218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after designated public comment opportunities.

Individual members of organizations must have submitted their own comments to be eligible to object; objections received on behalf of an organization are considered those of the organization only. If an objection is submitted on behalf of a number of individuals or organizations, each individual or organization listed must meet the eligibility requirements (36 CFR 218.5(d)). Names and addresses of objectors will become part of the public record.

Minimum content requirements of an objection are identified in 36 CFR 218.8(d) and include: 1) objector's name and address with a telephone number if available; 2) signature or other verification of authorship; 3) identification of the lead objector when multiple names are listed; 4) project name, name and title of the responsible official, and the name of the National Forest/Ranger District on which the proposed project will be implemented; 5) a description of those aspects of the proposed project objected to, specific issues related to the project, how environmental law, regulation, or policy would be violated, and suggested remedies which would resolve the objection; and 6) a description of the connection between prior specific written comments on this project and the content of the objection, unless the objection issue arose after the designated opportunity for comment. Incorporation of documents by reference in an objection is permitted only as provided at 36 CFR 218.8(b).



The Reviewing Officer is the Plumas National Forest Supervisor. Objections must be sent to Christopher Carlton, Forest Supervisor, Plumas National Forest, 159 Lawrence Street, Quincy, CA 95971 c/o Joseph Hoffman, Forest Hydrologist (joseph.hoffman@usda.gov).

Written objections, including any attachments must be filed (regular mail or email) with the Reviewing Officer within 45 calendar days following the publication of this legal notice in the newspaper of record. Since Feather Publishing is currently not publishing newspapers due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the newspaper of record will be the Oroville Mercury Register. Electronic objections must be submitted in a format compatible with the current version of Microsoft Word or PDF.

The publication date in the Oroville Mercury Register, newspaper of record, is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection of this project. Those wishing to object to the proposed project should not rely upon dates of timeframe information provided by any other source. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure their objection is received in a timely manner (36 CFR 218.9).